

1 **Pentecost**

Acts 2:1-4

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On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm in the skies above them, and it filled the house where they were meeting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

3 **What is Pentecost?**

Pentecost (or Feast of weeks) was the feast of "First Fruits" or a thanksgiving celebration for the beginning of the "new" harvest....

It is now the birth of something new!

4 **Jesus and the Temple...**

"All right," Jesus replied. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

"What!" they exclaimed. "It took forty-six years to build this Temple, and you can do it in three days?" But by "this temple," Jesus meant his body. - (John 2:19-21)

5 **Destroy The Temple?**

- Matthew 26:61- "...I am able destroy this Temple of God and rebuild it in three days"
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- Matthew 27:40 – "Look at you now... you said you were going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days."

6 **Destroy The Temple?**

- Mark 14:58 "We heard Him say, I will destroy this Temple made with human hands, and in three days I will build another without human hands"
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- Mark 15:29 - And the people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery. "Ha! Look at you now!" they yelled at him. "You can destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days, can you? Well then, save yourself and come down from the cross!"

7 **Destroy The Temple?**

Acts 6:13-14 - The lying witnesses said, "This man is always speaking against the Temple and against the law of Moses. We have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy the Temple and change the customs Moses handed down to us."

8 **The Real Temple...**

Acts 7:48-50 - However, the Most High doesn't live in temples made by human hands. As the prophet says, 'Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Could you

ever build me a temple as good as that?' asks the Lord. 'Could you build a dwelling place for me? Didn't my hands make both heaven and earth?'

9 **In Jesus' Words...**

Jesus replied, "Believe me, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father here or in Jerusalem. - (John 4:21)

10 **In Jesus' Words...**

But the time is coming and is already here when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for anyone who will worship him that way. - (John 4:23)

11 **A Promise**

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. - (John 14:16-17)

12 **Prophecy Fulfilled**

'In the last days, God said, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. In those days I will pour out my Spirit upon all my servants, men and women alike, and they will prophesy. - (Acts 2:17-18)

13 **What is the meaning of all this?**

- The Temple was the visible dwelling place of God
- Through Jesus, we become the Temple of God
- God has expanded His Temple to include all races, all genders, all social classes, all ages, all localities... the earth is to be filled with the knowledge of the Lord!

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For the time will come when all the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

(Habakkuk 2:14)